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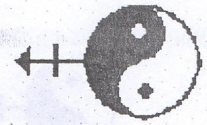
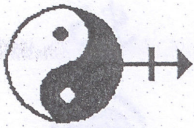
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photos, jokes,
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FEATURES to
keep you busy
until the next
Biways.

Welcome home Wayne, you surely had a busy time on your overseas trip. The last month's events went very well with many people coming to the socials. It was great to see many new and familiar faces. We are hoping to see you all again in the coming months at the socials, everybody is welcome!

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ABN realises that bisexuality is inextricably linked to other identities (gender, race, class, etc). Our intention is that *National BIWAYS* will represent a broad spectrum of bisexual voices and images. We are committed to taking an active role in building a multicultural bisexual community free of racism, sexism, classism, homophobia and other forms of oppression.

Through self-examination and through the content of this news magazine, we will endeavour to challenge our own racism, classism, sexism (and our own biphobia) as well as that of others. We will work to create a supportive bisexual community and to promote equality and understanding for bisexual people in both the heterosexual and the lesbian/gay communities. We regard ourselves as part of a larger sexual minority (queer) community, a gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities and consider the fight for lesbian and gay rights to be our own. We advocate the recognition, inclusion and involvement of bisexual people in existing gay and lesbian and transgender communities, in lesbian and gay politics, in community development and consultations, in sexual health and HIV/AIDS issues, policy, research and education. ABN does not support the promotion of pedophilia or organisations that promote it.

We are sex-positive, recognising that we live under increasing sexual oppression. We support sex education for its own sake. We advocate the distribution of information and resources to halt the spread of HIV/AIDS, STD's and unwanted pregnancies. We support the rights of people with HIV/AIDS to be free of discrimination, to have access to information, housing and quality medical care and treatments.

We seek to expand, not constrain, the definitions of bisexual and we respect the right of individuals to define her/his own self-definition, identity and type of relationship(s), free from any social, political, religious or economic coercion. We support healthy relationships between consenting adults. We acknowledge the rights of partners, particularly female partners of bisexual men, to quality non-judgmental counseling and health services if needed, to greater understanding by all communities and to honesty in their relationship.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editorial:- Welcome back Wayne, we truly hope you enjoyed your holiday!

Thank you to all of the members/non-members who supported the Brisbane team by coming to the events and volunteering your time to help out, we really appreciated your help and support. We would especially like to thank all of the Women who came to the Bar Bi on the 9th of May, it was a surprise to see by the end of the night the women out-numbering the men, THANK YOU.

With meetings and conferences happening here and interstate we have been kept busy behind the scenes working hard for you, the members. A special thanks to the Cross Campus Sexuality Network, NSW, for funding four of our members to go to Talkfest 98 in Coffs Harbour.

The next two month's events are shaping up to be full of surprises, lots of changes have been made, thanks to the help and dedication of some of the members. If you would like to help out we are always looking for new suggestions and helpers. **We are currently looking for a Female to run the Bi-Women's meetings and socials in Brisbane**, if you are interested please contact Brenda on (07) 3290 4069.

For the upcoming issues of the *National Biways* we are hoping to have some more stories from members about their experiences and maybe even some photos to go along with the stories to get to know people who cannot always come to our social events.

We have added some new features to this edition of the *National Biways*, we hope you like them. If you have any comments or suggestions please feel free to write to us, we will be happy to look at your suggestions.

You may have noticed the *National Biways* is now on schedule, we hope to keep it this way, if you would like to submit anything to be included in the next issue please have it in to the Editors by the 14th of August, 1998.

All the best, we hope you enjoy this edition of the *National Biways*.

Hugs,

Wayne, Bob and Brenda



Rotterdam, Netherlands is the host city of the 6th International Bisexual Conference in 2000.

It is also the home of Maurice Snellen (center) & his partner, two of their three children & a friend.

This photo was taken in May 1998 whilst I (Wayne) was overseas.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Wayne,

Thank you for your mail and the sincerity and quickness you did it. I had tonight this meeting I told you, I read your testimony and it helped a lot...It was quite weird, because the audience was a little divided, between gays that just doubt and deny the existence of bisexual people, as simple as that, and by other hand people that affirms themselves as bisexuals and want, at least, their sexual identity recognized... I can say that it was a rich and interesting meeting, even though people left in the end with the sensation of no conclusion...but I did not expected a conclusion. I expected reflection, and I think we got it...

Thank you again for the easy way you talk about your intimate feelings. Do not hesitate in contact me if I can help you in any way.

Best regards, Sergio Funari

Name: Vicky From: Brisbane, Australia

Re-A.B.N. Homepages

Comments: I found the site very intresting & helpful, as I have been looking for a site like this & places to meet people just like me. It is great thanks. I can't wait to get out there and meet new people & make new friends.

Hi Wayne

I read your mail with great appreciate. There was a network for bisexual women before, but now not here. I belong to DYKE net, and joined DYKE weekend in May since the weekend was open for bisexual women at last, so this was the first time open weekend. I met many women on the weekend, but they didn't want to see any shadow of men, then I couldn't take my kids for the weekend. When I talk with heterosexual people they treat me as a kinky, and talk with DYKES, they don't want to speak about men. They just wanted me to choose one, mean do not have both or you should go. I need both and I knew the people so called intersex, I think many similarity between us. It is better to make relationship to intersex and transvestite people, they need both like us, not only sexual orientation but in their personality, femininity and manhood live together.

I thank you so much for your offering, and really appreciate if you send me your information to follow; Thank you again and looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards, RIKA LICO

From: Newcastle

Comments: My boyfriend is bisexual and I am also favourable of this open minded sexuality. He now and then spends time with other people and I am having trouble dealing with this. How open minded must one be? Anyone who has any advice please email me!!

(If anyone wishes to respond to this message, e-mail and address have been provided, contact ABN).

Name: Wolfix

From: Sydney/Australia

Comments: I think it's great that someone is raising awareness and tolerance for bisexual people. We need support and understanding more than anything.

Name: Andrew humphrey <notn2bs@aol.com>

From: Mobile Alabama, USA

Comments: Trying to find a way to meet Bi people from Australia.

Name: Dalai

From: Australia

Comments: I have been married for 13 years to a wonderful man, but now acknowledge myself as bisexual. I have four young children and live in a small country town. I have really struggled with this issue and would love to hear from others in my situation who may be able to offer support or tell how they coped.

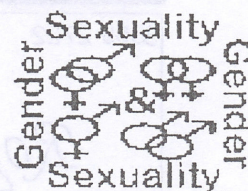
(no contact e-mail was given to reply to this message)

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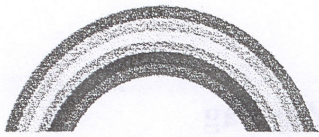
From: Canada Comments: For those who keep struggling, you may find some encouragement here. You are not alone.

(This message is from the Religious Right, check out their web page.)



JOKE:

What's the difference between a condom and a coffin?
They both hold stiff, but one's coming and one's going, and
if you don't use one you could end up in the other!



A Holiday To Remember

By Wayne B.

I was excited that the kick off of my overseas holiday was to be the Bisexual Conference in Boston. There was a mix up with my registration but thanks to Wayne Roberts and the Internet my place was secured. I left Australia on the 31st of May aboard the 'Australia Dreaming' aircraft arriving in style and colour in the USA on the same day, I didn't lose a day, even though I'd spent all of it on planes and buses.

Wayne Roberts met me at the airport in Boston and took me to where I was to stay, thankfully, as I had no idea where to go. I was rooming with a chap named Stan. The following day Wayne and I visited the Bisexual Resource Centre, then later to the Bisexual Music Centre at Cambridge, where we met up with Glen from Sydney. I'd planned to spend the next day sight seeing, but forgot to reset my watch so I lost that day. I did manage to make it to the Gay Conference meeting at Harvard University, held the night before the Bisexual Conference.

The following morning I shared my breakfast with some lovely people sharing our cultures with each other before the Conference was to start. The first workshop was given by Evelyn Mantilla, a distinguished community leader and activist committed to the value of people. Having worked with community organisations for 14 years she gave an interesting speech about her life, she is very passionate about bisexual people showing support for each other. After this I attended a film session called "Best of Both Worlds", a film of bisexual people speaking on their experiences and relationships.

Workshop 2 was on Gender presented by Raven Kaldera, who was born congenitally intersexed and raised as female. She made the transition to male for medical and personal reasons. Raven is a pagan high priest of Hearthgrove Church, a transgender activist, organic farmer and a writer. The workshop focused on the special situation of being both transgendered and bisexual. After this was a reading session presented by Gato Rojo on bisexuality, called 'Speaking of Sex'. At the end of the day we attended a concert with performers like Tom Robinson, Amatul Hannan and Karen Williams.

On the second day of the conference Wayne Roberts filled in for John Vines as Emcee for the plenary. He was followed by speaker Kerry Lobel, the Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force of America. Kerry spoke about her role in the Women's Movement, making the point that there was no need to role play or to be part of a group, to uphold the ideals for the progressive women as a whole and as individuals. The following workshop was on 'Creating your Authentic Sexuality', in this session art materials were used to express our unique sexual personality. It was presented by R. Jeff Brody, MPS, ATR, a transman, artist and art therapist. It was not necessary to have any artistic talent, as this was compensated by our verbal additions.

Workshop 4 was called 'Polyamorous Paths' and was presented by many experts in the field. It showed how people live in non-monogamous relationships, this covered emotional commitment, scheduling, jealousy and household chores among other things. Workshop 5 was called 'Safer Sex/HIV', the presenters used a variety of sex tools to demonstrate safer ways of using them. To top off this busy day we attended a Bi Cabaret, which made for a refreshing change from all of this learning.

The final day of the Conference I attended a film and video session, presented by former porn queen and current proprietor of Boston's sexuality boutique 'Grand Opening' Kim Aris. Kim presented a series of short films of Bisexual acts in the porn business, including Bisexual Erotica. Kim stated that there was very little bisexual rated material in the video business, as it was mainly lumped under the gay or kinky heterosexual banner. To relieve the tension of the conference I attended a workshop on Massage. We were shown how to prepare for a massage, posture, breathing and intensity. We covered the types of massage to give, when and when not to give one. Our presenter was David Ben-Ami, trained in Swedish, Deep tissue, Postural Integration, intuitive massage and has been practicing since 1981. David is a co-founder of Bi-Request, a bisexual support group in New York City.

To close the conference was Laura Sachs, a member of the United States Bisexual Network and Elias Farajajé-Jones. Elias spoke at length about his life and the influence of religions on it, both good and bad. Then the announcement for when the next two conferences will be held, Amsterdam in 2000 and Sydney in 2002.

The conference had many more workshops running in conjunction with each other the ones listed above, are the ones that I attended. If anyone is interested in hearing more about my adventures, or seeing some of the photographs I took please contact ABN.

Now that the conference was over I could start my vacation, I spent the next week doing the tourist bit, then off to England. I had numerous plans of places to go people to meet, but on arrival at the airport I was taken to customs and spent all day there being questioned. I don't look like a thug, I had no plans on staying, just a vacation thanks, but unfortunately that was not to be, I was put on a plane and sent back to the land of Oz. After arriving home I rang some friends for some comfort and support. I am glad to be home to be with all of my friends who have helped support me through this time. I am trying to get back to England to visit my friends and watch some cricket and do the tourist bit, please pray that I am allowed to go back.





Double Celebrations For Zig Zag

Zig Zag Young Women's Resource Centre launched its disability access on the 30th of April which coincided with its 10th Anniversary. Present were representatives of Zig Zag, the Australian Bisexual Network, Backbone and the Housing Department. Our very own Brenda was the first disabled person to visit the Centre since its disability section was constructed which has been 2 years in the making, only being completed in time for the launch. After a tour and a few suggestions the Centre was ready for its first disabled customer.

Brenda commented "with an increasing disabled population it is wonderful to see that more awareness of our needs are being recognised and implemented. There are many services that are unavailable to us due to stairs and poor access, this is frustrating and annoying, but as time goes by the recognition of our needs are being met." Zig Zag Young Women's Resource Centre Inc., is a resource Centre for women aged 12-25 years and was established to resource those working with young women, to improve service responses as well as providing direct support. Currently they are focusing on homelessness and associated support issues and sexual assault.



Jane Elliott In Australia

On her "The Anatomy of Prejudice The Jane Elliott Tour" around Australia Jane stopped in at Brisbane in early May at the Sheraton Hotel. Present were representatives from the local media, the Australian Bisexual Network, Karen Walters - the Anti-Discrimination Commissioner of Queensland, members of Atsic and other dignitaries.

It is nearly 30 years since Elliott started her crusade against prejudice and discrimination by introducing her 3rd grade students in Iowa, an all white community, to the "blue eyed - brown eyed" concept. Elliott divided her class into 2 groups based on a physical characteristic, the colour of their eyes, enabling her students to feel the impact of prejudice first hand. The exercise received national attention resulting in physical and mental abuse of her family. This motivated Elliott to persevere with her life long commitment to fight discrimination.

"Education is the answer. I was taught racism at my mother's knee. Prejudice is the disease, you can buy the medicine for racism, if you don't take it.....! You can grow out of poverty - you can't grow out of your colour, sexuality, sex, etc, etc." "We face so many discrimination issues in Australia today; the Wik debate, reconciliation, gay and lesbian rights, equalities faced by people with disabilities and the glass ceiling faced by many women in today's business world". "Each and every one of us has the right to be ourselves without fear of recriminations. We don't need to be the same, in fact, we should embrace our differences and accept each other exactly as we are".



"Bessie" - the Queer-Friendly Health Clinic

The Bessie Smyth Foundation runs Australia's only feminist Health clinic, the Powell Street Clinic, located in Homebush, N.S.W. "Bessie" does not receive any government funding and survives on a non profit basis. Lesbian, bisexual and queer women have been involved with the clinic, as Board members, doctors, counselors and patients, over the 21 years it has been open.

Our reproductive and sexual health care services recognise the clinic's commitment to the visibility and specific needs of lesbian, bisexual and queer women, sex industry workers and women living with or affected by HIV/AIDS. All women who visit "Bessie" receive non-judgmental, pro-choice counselling and information about their contraceptive and pregnancy options. Pre and post abortion counselling is available on request. The clinic also offers a range of services for "well women" including pap smears, and aims to challenge, through staff training and community education, the homophobic myth that lesbian-identified women are not at risk of cervical cancer, and therefore do not require regular pap smear screening.

The needs of women who use health services has not changed, but the focus of the health industry has. We have found that other services have become so medicalised and mechanised that women's needs get lost in the system. Bessie is "unique" in its commitment to providing woman focused care and respect of the individual at all times.

Our clinic days are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning. We can be reached by phone 9-5 every week day and on Saturday mornings on (02) 9764 4133 and by fax on (02) 9764 1844.

Contributed by Sam and Carolyn from The Powell St Clinic

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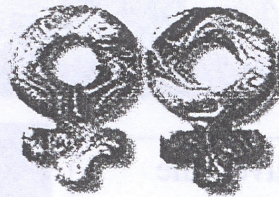
The *JOURNAL OF GAY, LESBIAN, AND BISEXUAL IDENTITY* is a progressive, international, interdisciplinary forum dedicated to the exchange of new knowledge and ideas about every major aspect of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender life. It features original peer-reviewed articles, "round-table" discussions, interviews, high quality research papers, personal essays, reviews, and poetry that address all aspects of LGBT culture, history, theory, politics, community, and identity.

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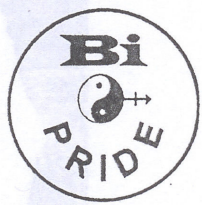
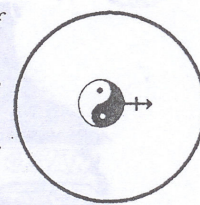
Hello I am Brian from Cebu City, Philippines. I am 20 years old single and I found myself as bi. During my high school days I have a girlfriend and at the same time a boyfriend I'm too much worried during that time of identity crisis. But of now I could clearly defined my self as bi. When I was young I could remember that I'm a little bit girly and I love to play the toys of girls like dolls, dresses, kitchen wares, (tiny one) etc., but at the same time I love to play guns, balls, toy cars, etc.. My sexual experience was very unforgettable when I was young about 5 years old when I was raped by an adult man. I kept it with in myself until now, only here you've known it. During that time I cried a lot for the pain but I could never escape because he said he's going to kill me if I will tell somebody about that...As I grew up to become a mature one I carry that phobia within my self. But I could not understand my self coz I want to find more like that.. during my childhood.

But today I'm mature,...I realized the whole story of my self and defined me as bi. I'm a 3rd year College student in University of San Carlos, Cebu City, Philippines taking BS Physics, and I'm looking for a friend, companion or lover out there who can accept me..... :-(

Take care Coz I care,
Brian



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A shot of the audience during one of the plenary sessions at the Boston International Bisexual Conference, where 910 people attended.

Right : Wayne with Mark Silver, the chief editor of Anything that Moves.

Below: Wayne with Sharon Kane, a famous USA Bi Porn Star and Producer. Taken in Hollywood, March, 1998. Sharon tried our vegemite and cheese on toast & likes it.



bi-phobia: irrational fear/hatred of bisexuals. Like all prejudices, it is based on a set of myths and stereotypes which it then offers to justify itself. Because it is so rarely challenged structurally, it is destructive to our lives both in terms of societal and legal limitations and in terms of violence against us. It is so pervasive that many bisexuals internalize its message and de-value their ability to contribute to the world.

ABN Attends Talkfest '98 In Coffs Harbour

Four ABN members went to Coffs Harbour to attend Talkfest 98 - the Annual Conference of the National Union of Students Cross-Campus Sexuality Network (NSW). The conference was held the weekend of 16th & 17th of May at Southern Cross University to discuss issues of interest to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, transsexual, hermaphrodite and queer students. ABN was invited to send representatives at the cost of the NUS. Brenda, Bob and Sabina, all from Brisbane and Melissa from Penrith, took up the challenge.

There were several topics discussed at the conference. A session on Harm Minimisation discussed safer sex, drug use, piercing & tattooing. Delegates also talked about education issues for queer students, and how queer students are more likely to have financial problems due to a frequent lack of acceptance and support by their families and friends compared with their heterosexual classmates.

In a session on disability discussion was about phobias and misconceptions faced by people with disabilities. Poor awareness, access difficulties, lack of visibility as sexual beings, problems of communication, sex and sexuality and briefly discussed was some education issues. The session ended with the hope that all will make more of an effort to communicate and possibly break the ice toward bringing the disabled people into society with a better view than they have now.

In the Bisexuality plenary discussion started on describing bisexuality with help from the Kenzies scale and a little history on the bisexual movement, due to the lack of images in society which moves to a lack of awareness this was essential to the understanding from the group. Also discussed was the discrimination and isolation felt by Bi's because of the stereotyping received making "coming out" as Bi difficult, leading to the "privilege of hiding in the closet" theory because as Bi you can blend in with the heterosexual society if the need arose.

Combating homophobia started with a story on the difficulties faced from those in the rural sector in small towns, discussing how one person had fought against the heterosexual society to be recognised as an equal and not something to be feared. By the end of the session everybody had discussed some ways of combating homophobia and how they could each help to educate others to lessen the struggle by those in small towns as well as the big cities.

Identity and Gender opened up a can of worms by showing how the train of thought has gone down the line from parent to child throughout history and that there is a need to break the link. We discussed issues relating to gender identification for example, you may ask a pregnant woman "is it a boy or a girl?", this is already classing this child as a gender and not a person. Other issues touched on were hermaphroditism/intersexuality, black/white, male/female, how some transgendered people are not given the choice of the sex they wish to be as the doctor's have the final decision, thus choosing a persons gender. There was plenty of comments given, for example, some people have decided that disabled people don't have a sexuality and because of the disability they don't fit in as the haven't got "the perfect body" or "the look". The session helped to open our minds to the problems with the hope that we can somehow break the links and treat people as equal.

All sessions were well received by the 30/odd queer conference delegates that had travelled from all over NSW, ACT and QLD to be there. At the end of the conference a suggestion was made for the next year's Talkfest to be held in Albury, NSW. The conference was a huge success. ABN representatives, Bob, Brenda, Sabina and Melissa reported having a great time and said it was excellent to see such a friendly bunch of people who are accepting of the group's diversity.

The Str8 Side of a Bi Marriage.

I am a straight partner in a straight/bisexual marriage. My wife of ten years is bisexual. When she first told me, I admit, I was shocked, as we had been together for 11 years and I thought I really knew her. All that time she had been hiding a secret from me, ashamed to tell me, she was unsure as to how I would feel and react.

Having the woman I love tell me she indulged in this was a bit of a surprise, however, I think she was also surprised at the calm way I took it and my declaration of support for whatever she wanted to do with her life. After a great deal of discussion with frankness on both parts, it was decided it would be best to keep my wife's bisexuality separate from our married family life. So now my wife is able to indulge in her bisexual feelings whenever she chooses and knows that I am there as husband and supporter no matter what happens.

Together we have faced and survived a disastrous bisexual relationship she had with a woman, together we will face and survive any good or bad relationships that she may have. As for me I have no inclination to interfere with that part of my wife's life, nor do I intend to become Bi myself, as long as my wife is happy, I am happy. I know now just how strong our love is and I am proud to stand by her.

I have never used her bisexuality as an excuse to cheat on her and I don't intend to start now. To show my support for both my wife and other bisexual people I suggested we start the *Bi and Partners Social Club* in Geelong. I have never regretted this decision, or the decision to support the woman I love.

Darryl M.



National News



Tasmania asked to recognise same sex couples

Legislation has been introduced in Tasmania's Parliament to give legal recognition to same sex couples. The move comes only a year after the State's anti-gay laws were repealed, and would be the first of its kind in Australia. The legislation also addresses discrimination toward people in a variety of personal relationships, such as carers and those they care for, and cultural or religious relationships. Greens spokesperson for Justice, Mike Foley, says the legislation would compliment Labor's anti-discrimination legislation which is yet to be accepted by Tasmania's parliament.

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Gay Bill Blocked

The Government will block a Democrats bill allowing homosexuals to access their partner's superannuation and ban sexual discrimination in government-funded services, claiming that the "homosexual lifestyle" was a matter of choice.

Sydney Morning Herald, "News in Brief" Section

Church issues new behaviour rules for clergy

Maintaining acceptable conduct in pastoral relationships is always the responsibility of the clergy, regardless of who attempts to initiate a breach of professional standards or what level of consent is involved, Anglican clergy have been warned in a new Code of Conduct released for the Sydney Diocese.

CHRIS MCGILLION, Religious Affairs

A full list of this is available, please contact ABN.

Australia participates in global HIV study

Australians living with HIV have been invited to take part in an international study looking at the impact of HIV on the quality of life. Latrobe University is running the Australian part of the study which will also involve Zambia, Zimbabwe and Brazil. Anyone wanting to participate in the study can contact the National Centre in HIV Social Research.

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Gay books plea to schools

GAY groups have written to every Queensland high school urging them to stock "gay-positive" books and films, in a bid to lower the suicide rate of gay and lesbian students. Lists of gay-positive books and films have been sent to every principal, librarian and school counsellor of every state, independent and Catholic high school in Queensland. "Recent studies show gay and lesbian students are three times more likely than their peers to attempt suicide," Mr Sawkins said. In a memo to independent schools, executive director of the Association of Independent Schools of Queensland Dr John Roulston said the material could help schools counsel students. The Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras has contributed A\$1500 towards the campaign.

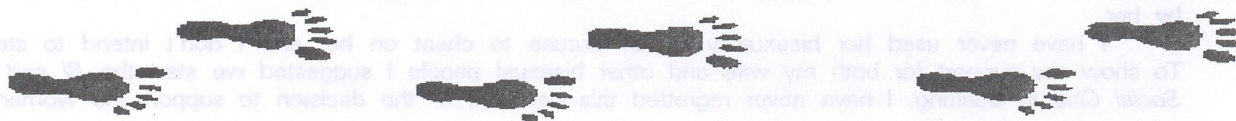
The Courier-Mail newspaper

WHY MUST TEACHERS REMAIN CLOSETED?

Parents need to recognise that homosexual students need role models too. By KERRY N PHELPS.

The issue of whether homosexuality should be discussed in schools is a debate we had to have. For too long it has been easy for schools to ignore the issue and hope it will go away. Despite education departments putting a great deal of effort into producing resources to combat homophobia, it is not compulsory to implement them, and school principals have been able to hide behind the objections of a few parents as an excuse to keep a lid on the subject. But the cost is too great. What are these schools and parents afraid of? The time has come to face that fear. Dr Kerry N Phelps is a general practitioner and a medical journalist with Channel 9's 'Today Show' and the 'Australian Women's Weekly' Magazine

The Age newspaper, Melbourne.





South African anti-homosexual laws struck down

The High Court in Johannesburg on May 3 declared the common law crimes of sodomy, unnatural sexual offenses of the Sexual Offenses Act unconstitutional, legalising gay and lesbian sex. In passing judgment, Judge Jonathan Heher said that to penalise a gay or lesbian person for the expression of his or her sexuality could only be defended from a standpoint which depended on the influences of religious intolerance, ignorance, superstition, bigotry and fear of what is different.

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Gwendolyn Dean the first Director of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Community Center at Emory University, in Atlanta, Georgia

Gwendolyn Dean has accepted Stanford's offer to become the first Director of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Community Center (LGBCC). She is expected to assume her duties on August 1, 1998. Ms. Dean is currently serving as the Graduate Coordinator of the Office of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Life at Emory University, in Atlanta, Georgia, where she is also a Ph.D. candidate in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Studies, Feminist Theory, and Art History.

source: Dark Phoenix

A Southwestern Conference on Bisexuality

A Southwestern Conference on Bisexuality was held in Tempe, Arizona May 3-5, and was a calm, friendly and social atmosphere compared to the international hub-bub going on in Boston only a month before. Highlights included socials such as a picnic the first day, with entertainment and a fashion show, a night on the town to a half dozen or so gay and lesbian bars, and a screening of Kyle Schickner's "Rose By Any Other Name."

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STUDIES

The 1995 New Zealand survey showed 2 percent of men and 2 percent of women had current gay or lesbian experience but less than 0.5 percent were exclusively gay or lesbian. As in overseas studies, bisexuals predominate.

The Evening Post, Wellington NZ

BI GEORGE

Only FRONTIERS NEWSMAGAZINE in West Hollywood realized that George Michael came out as "bisexual" and never used the G word. We wrote a letter thanking them for it. The attorney for British pop star entered a plea of no contest to a charge alleging he committed a lewd act in a park rest room. Michael was fined \$810 and ordered to perform 80 hours of community service.

NO SODOMY IN RHODE ISLAND

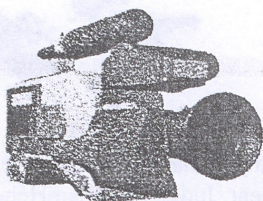
As far as "sodomy" laws are concerned, Rhode Island's are excessive in nature, discriminatory in practice, and command the among the harshest punishments in the nation. As written, RI's apply to heterosexuals as well as homosexuals and, yes, that even includes married couples. Failure to comply with the Karma Sutra of the State of Rhode Island can result in a 20 year prison sentence, yet the real difficulty with these laws isn't the harshness of the penalties: it is, by the Attorney General's own admission, that they are applied neither universally, nor fairly.

The Providence Journal-Bulletin

BiPHOBIA

Simon LeVay in Queer Science wrote about BiPhobia that was published in Gay Chicago Magazine, and many other gay and mainstream publications. Here are some stats: 40 percent of men who identified now as gay said they described themselves as bisexual at a young age. He says "true male bisexuality is not very common...Still, some men are true lifelong bisexuals." He does admit: "Biologically oriented scientists such as myself have over-simplified the spectrum of sexual orientation, breaking the population down into "gay" and "straight" where more subtle gradations are called for." That is a big step for him to admit. Contact Simon at SLeVay@aol.com.

JOKE: Two Dutch women are riding their old rickety bikes down the back streets of Amsterdam one late afternoon. As it turns closer towards dusk, the increasing darkness of the streets starts making the two women a little nervous when one woman leans over to the other and says, "You know, I've never come this way before."
The other woman says, "It's the cobblestones."



Movies and Entertainment

PLAYING BI...

Natasha Gregson Wagner, daughter of late screen giant Natalie Wood, has twice the number of reasons to worry about paternal embarrassment over her frank portrayal of a fiery bisexual in "Two Girls and a Guy." Her biological father is screenwriter and producer Richard Gregson and her adoptive father is actor Robert Wagner. "I don't mind them seeing me talk candidly about sex," Wagner says in the May 4 People magazine. "I'm just glad I'm not naked."

GOSSIP TIDBIT OF THE WEEK

Studio Briefing reports that Kate Winslet (TITANIC) is likely to star as Daphne du Maurier in a new big-screen biopic that will portray the famous writer as bisexual. Du Maurier was the author of the classic thriller-melodrama REBECCA – which Hitchcock brought to the screen in 1940 co-starring Judith Andersen as the housekeeper who is just a little too obsessed with her late mistress. The film will be based on Martyn Shallcross' bio which Shallcross will adapt to the screen (to the dismay of the writer's estate who have denounced the book).

source from PlanetOut Corporation.

MOVIES...

*THE HANGING GARDEN where a bisexual groom makes a play for his future wife's gay son. A very bizarre film. Actor Joel S. Keller told me in Toronto that he "studied" about bisexuality before taking on the role.

*LAST DAYS OF DISCO. A bi man.

*TWO GIRLS AND A GUY. A bi woman.

*WILDE. A closeted bisexual (the lead character).

Brian Gilbert, who directed "Wilde," believes that Oscar would have loved the film festival party. "But he probably would have come back to this city as a heterosexual just to be provocative."

*BROADWAY DAMAGE. A convoluted bi reference from a gay man, "If we were both bisexual we could go at it and it wouldn't matter."

*GODZILLA!? The lizards procreate on their own! The original definition of bisexuality is "of and having qualities of both sexes."

By Michael Szymanski BiNet USA National Media Coordinator <http://www.binetusa.org>.

MOVIES IN THE MAKING....

VELVET GOLDMINE (Named after an obscure 1973 David Bowie song) is a movie about a journalist (played by Christopher Bale from "Empire of the Sun") who falls in love with a glam rocker (played by "Trainspotting's" Ewan MacGregor) while investigating the life of an androgynous superstar who died. Scheduled for release later this summer, the film has a few bisexual characters who express their sexuality rather incidentally. During filming gay director Todd Haynes let the two male leads go at it with their heavy kissing during a rooftop scene even after he yelled "Cut." The director of "Poison" and "Safe" said he didn't want to spoil their fun. MacGregor is married.

LEO GOES DOWN?

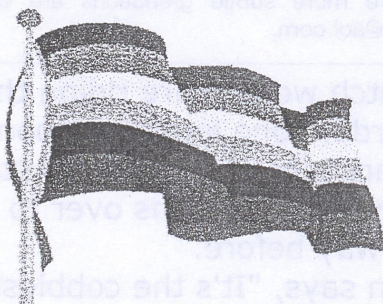
"In Rosarito [Mexico] during the Titanic filming, Leonardo DiCaprio and four or five of his gang were tossed out of a local disco, Rock and Roll Taco, for 'dancing inappropriately, with one guy lying on top of another guy,' according to the club's manager."

-People magazine

Joke: A lady walked into a tattoo parlor and said, "Can you do a tattoo of a turkey on my right inner thigh and one of a Christmas tree on my left inner thigh?"

"Sure," the tattoo artist said. "But if you don't mind me asking, why did you choose those two designs?"

The lady smiled. "My husband," she explained. "He says there's never anything to eat between Thanksgiving and Christmas!"



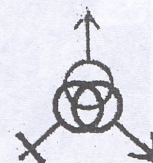
THE BISEXUAL RESOURCE CENTER

The Bisexual Resource Centre is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to providing information and educational resources to bisexual groups around the world. The Centre has hosted six regional conferences on bisexuality and three BiFests since 1984 and publishes the Bisexual Resource Guide.

The Bisexual Resource Centre is pleased to announce its new domain name: biresource.org

The following web sites are now available under this domain:

Bisexual Resource Centre - <http://www.biresource.org>
Bisexual Bookstore - <http://www.biresource.org/bookstore>
Biversity Boston - <http://www.biresource.org/biversity>
Boston Bisexual Women's Network - <http://www.biresource.org/bbwn>
Bisexual Characters in Film - <http://www.biresource.org/bookstore/bifilm.html>



ABOUT SPONSORING AN OVERSEAS BI FRIEND

Hi fellow Members and friends! Do you realise it is only about \$5-00 (or less) to post over a *National Biways* to our overseas Members? Every two months or so. Not a lot really, but it all adds up for ABN when we have about twenty countries we currently have people wishing our magazine and/or penfriends from Australia. We have up to ten people from some countries like Cuba. ABN has taken on the responsibility of helping Bi people from particularly developing countries as part of our role of host to ILGA's Bisexuality Information Pool.

As you know, ABN is a non-profit organization, unfunded by grants, relying upon donations, volunteers and the \$20.00 or less Membership Fees. Also, the cost of paper, ink, fuel all adds up, and volunteers tend to 'burn out'. How would you like to contribute, in a small, way that would be hugely appreciated?

By sponsoring an Overseas Member, all you would need to do, would be to post off a *National Biways* to them, along with a note about yourself and what is happening in your patch of Oz. Ask them to write about themselves and their country, and bisexuality. We can then publish their stories/photos and ours in *National Biways* to develop a greater sense of support and unity amongst all of us. If anyone can correspond in Spanish or any other language, we would love to hear from you.

Please consider this for a while, and if you would like to be a part of this, please send a note to us via the P.O. Box, addressed:

Jewel Phoenix
ABN (OS Sponsoring)
P.O. Box 490
Lutwyche Q 4030



P.S. If you are not yet an A.B.N. Member, please join us - we really appreciate any show of support and value new friendships tremendously. And for those of you whose membership is up for renewal, your renewal makes us feel valued as volunteers and encourages us, without Members ABN would not exist. Thank you.

Some of the countries are: Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, Japan, Guam, Indonesia, India, Nepal, Turkey, Ukraine, Russia, Malta, Ghana, England, Norway, Cuba, Guatemala, Argentina and Brazil.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE OFFERED, WE STILL NEED MORE SPONSORS.

EVERYONE READ THIS

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRACTICE SAFER SEX WITH ALL PARTNERS. THAT MEANS USING A CLEAN CONDOM WITH EACH PARTNER FOR BOTH VAGINAL AND ANAL INTERCOURSE. THE NUMBER OF WOMEN BECOMING INFECTED WITH HIV IS INCREASING IN AUSTRALIA WITH NOTABLE RISES RECENTLY IN NSW & WA, SO PLEASE TAKE RESPONSIBILITY NOT ONLY FOR YOUR OWN PROTECTION BUT THAT OF YOUR PARTNERS. ORAL SEX DOES POSE A RISK FOR TRANSMITTED OF SEVERAL SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES & HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE MEANS OF TRANSMISSION IN A SMALL NUMBER OF CASES OF HIV INFECTION OVERSEAS. HERPES, HEP. B, GONORRHOEA ARE SOME OF THE INFECTIONS THAT ARE TRANSMITTED ORALLY. WORRIED THEN USE CONDOMS AND/OR DAMS OR SEEK FURTHER ADVICE FROM YOUR HEALTH OR AIDS COUNCIL STAFF. FOR DIGITAL PENETRATION (FINGERING) OF VAGINA OR ANUS USE CLEAN LATEX GLOVES OR CONDOMS WITH EACH PARTNER AND NEVER SHARE DILDOES, VIBRATORS, ETC. TRY TWO OR MORE CONDOMS ON VIBRATORS REMOVING THE TOP ONE BEFORE EACH NEW PENETRATION. USE CLEAN GLOVES FOR FISTING. IF YOU INJECT, NEVER SHARE NEEDLES AND SYRINGES WITH ANY OTHER PERSON. ALWAYS USE A NEW CLEAN NEEDLE AND OTHER GEAR. WE CARE ABOUT YOU. PLEASE DON'T PLACE YOURSELF, LOVED ONES AND OTHERS AT RISK BECAUSE OF IGNORANCE, FEAR, LUST OR BEING OUT OF IT.



Since Bar Bi moved to the Rat Hotel before Christmas in 1997 more and more people have been coming along.

A great time is had bi all. Plenty of friendships have been made with many new ones each time.



Why don't you come along to our next one, meet us all and make some new friends. Everyone is welcome. For information on when the next Bar Bi is held refer to the Brisbane Events on Page 25 & 26.



TIME OUT

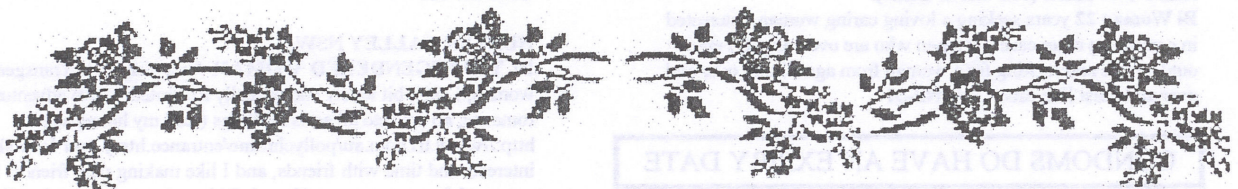
EVERYTHING POSSIBLE

Everything Possible We've cleared off the table, leftovers saved; Washed the dishes & put them away. I've told you a story, tucked you in tight At the end of your knockabout day. When the moon sets assail to carry you to sleep Over the midnight sea, I will sing you a song no-one sang to me, May it keep you good company. O you can be anybody you want to be You can love whoever you will. You can travel any country that your heart leads and know that I will love you still. You can live by yourself. You can gather friends around, You can choose one special one. But the only measure of your words & your deeds Will be the love you leave behind when you're done.

There are girls who grow up strong and bold. There are boys quiet and kind. Some race on ahead, Some follow behind. Some go their own way & time. Some women love women, Some men love men. Some raise children; some never do. You can dream all the days never reaching the end of everything possible for you. Don't be rattled by names, by taunts & games but seek out spirits true. If you give your friends the best part of yourself, they'll give the same back to you. O you can be anybody you want to be. You can love whoever you will. You can travel any country that your heart leads and know that I will love you still.

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Fred Small



A Rose

All through history in happiness or despair, a flower was given its stem cut with care. The thorns removed and its petals would shine, a prettier flower, you would never find.

And the flower brings cheer to a swollen heart, it brings back memories to lovers apart. As it stands alone so silent, so tall casting its spell, enchanting to all.

Women would weep, men would cry, as the magical flower would wilt and die. But a new flower begins as life journeys on, with another adventure and a new love song.

And lovers again, rejoice to the shade, embrace the odor the flower has made. A pair becomes one from a mystical power, beware of the rose, it's not just a flower.

Anon



BI PERSONALS

JULY/AUG 1998

THESE PERSONAL ADVERTS ARE PUBLISHED FREE FOR MEMBERS OF ABN.

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1. Place your reply in a sealed stamped envelope.
2. Write the advert CODE on the front centre or top right of the envelope.
3. Put this envelope together with \$3 or \$5 for two replies in another envelope (stamps, money order or cheque accepted).
4. Post it to ABN, PO Box 490 Lutwyche, QUEENSLAND. 4030.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

ADELAIDE SOUTHERN SUBURBS.

BISEXUAL WOMAN 32, Straight Male 35, seek bisexual woman 18 - 35 for fun and friendship, long term if suited. Prefer slim, feminine, attractive, any nationality. We are non-smokers, non-scene, healthy and attractive, believe sex should be fun. Code SA-M4.

NEW SOUTH WALES (NSW).

ALSTONVILLE (Far North Coast).

Bi Woman 22 years seeking a loving caring woman, interested in contacting other caring woman who are overweight. I enjoy outdoor life and looking for a woman from age 21 and over and over and must like cats. Code NS-S1

CONDOMS DO HAVE AN EXPIRY DATE

BATHURST (Central Mid West).

ATTRACTIVE COUPLE Bi woman & hetro guy seek Bi woman or couple for friendship and fun times, aged 18-35. Will travel for right person. All letters answered. Code NS-S5

CENTRAL COAST / SYDNEY.

BI MAN with a strong appreciation and preference for women, but Bi, wanting to meet a Bi or Straight female. I'm keen to form a committed relationship with a woman who is spiritually inclined, open to the possibility of having a child, attractive, slim & possibly interested in meditation or personal growth. I'm 41, 6 feet tall, attractive, blue eyes, dark hair, beard, fit, well educated, spiritually inclined & leading a reasonably healthy lifestyle. I'm looking for someone with more similarities than differences. If this sounds worthy of exploration please write, photo would be appreciated. Code NS-H6.

LISMORE (Far North Coast).

GORGEOUS BISEXUAL 36, fit & passionate about life, seeking equally spirited & warm-hearted Bisexual(s) for friendship or more. Interests include: intelligent & inspiring conversation, the media, writing, honesty & meditation, genuine connection with people. Looking forward to your reply by mail. Code NS-S1

COOMA (South East Highlands).

FARMER 43, Snowy Mans. Area, non-scene Bi guy, fit seeking younger gay or bi guy, masculine, nice looking, slim person for friendship/relationship. A person who likes fishing, walking in the mountains, movies, having a drink in country pubs and quiet times on lovely old farm. Code NS-C3

NORTHER RIVERS, NSW.

BI GUY Active bi-guy seeks activity partners (m or f). I'm in my early 40s and married, so discretion essential. I'm easy going, friendly, honest and sincere. Interests: Travel, photography, creative writing, sport and uninhibited sex! Drop me a line to: robho@lis.net.au or Code NS-H4

HUNTER CALLEY NSW,

BI TRANSGENDERED WOMAN As a single Bi Transgendered woman, I get a bit lonely and sexually frustrated. I love adventure and romance, am into all sorts of things (read my homepage at <http://www.trl.com.au/pollychrome/entrance.htm>) and love sharing interests and time with friends, and I like making new friends this is not an ad for a sex partner (though I'd love that too) cause I really can't imagine me having sex with people I don't know, but I AM looking for new friends of both genders. If something develops, well hey, what a bonus! But if it doesn't, well I still have a friend. Hope to hear from you soon. Code NS-S4

LISMORE (Far North Coast)

GAY GUY 42, good looking, fair, goatie, masculine, craftsman, lonely on property, 30 minutes from Lismore seeks Bi guys or masculine gays for sensual outlets and good company. Loves nudity, J/O sessions with slim smooth and masculine males. Also seek introduction to Bi with good looking understanding couple. Visitors from SE Queensland welcome. Code NS-B5

SYDNEY.

BI GUY cute looking, very slim young guy, 182 cm, brown hair, blue eyes, love beach, snow, movies and cafes. I'm gentle, intelligent, looking for Bi woman for friendship or relationship. Prefer under 40 years, like me. Would consider a couple. Code NS-P4.

USE CONDOMS, DAMS AND WATER-BASED LUBE FOR SAFE FUN TIMES TOGETHER

SYDNEY.

PROFESSIONAL M/F COUPLE both 28 yrs, she 5'7, large breasts, attractive intelligent, seek; intelligent, attractive, open minded bi female, 20-30 years in the inner city - Sydney region to satisfy females sexual desires and fantasies with another woman. Female is very bi and very frustrated in the lack of f/f sex. First timers welcome. Threesomes considered. Females only please! E-mail to: lesko@real.net.au

SYDNEY.

BI GUY 27, dreamer, genuine, passionate, romantic, looking for man/woman for F/R/Ship 23-30. Someone to share adventures of life, laughter, intimate moments and happiness! Photo appreciated, ALA. Pen Pals most welcome. Code NS-L1

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QUEENSLAND (QLD).

TWEED HEADS / GOLD COAST

TRANSSEXUAL 36 years young, looking for bi women up to mid 30's for friendships (possible relationship). I am pre-operative, 165cm tall, long hair, nice boobs, very passable, reasonably attractive, a non-smoker and social drinker. I have a good sense of humour, easy-going, down to earth and I am very kind, caring and emotional. I am not into the gay / trannie scene and enjoy the simple things in life such as a coffee and a chat, the movies, going to the beach or on a picnic, visiting friends and above all nice company with people with similar interests to mine and definately non-smoker. If you are a nice friendly person why not write to me and tell me about yourself and send a photo if you wish. Code QD-D13.

BABINDA / NTH. QUEENSLAND

ON HOLIDAYS IN THE NORTH short term accomodation is available with bi guy in his home for travellers to North Queensland., close to Cairns, the Tablelands and rainforest. Code QD-M17.

BRISBANE

YOUNG LADY 25yrs.old, non-smoker, medium build, 5ft 5in, brown eyes, fair skin, seeking Bi lady, non-smoker, social drinker, kind, considerate, compassionate, understanding, patient, for long term relationship, prefer someone 5'7" to 6', 26-33 yrs old, femine, well-groomed, attractive who likes to talk & listen, likes movies, travelling, videos, bowling and animals. Intimacy & romance a must, be fit and healthy & into gym. Hoping you keep an open mind & not afraid to give sex toys a go to give & keep the fires burning (if we are compatable) in the relationship. Write back soon stating Code QD-M19. Letters from women anywhere are also welcome.

BRISBANE.

ATTRACTIVE FEMININE BI ASIAN LADY seeking pretty feminine woman, 25 to 40 yrs for fun & exciting relationship, no couples please. Code QD-C9.

BRISBANE.

BI-CURIOUS WOMAN 23 yrs, would like to meet a bi woman or lesbian to help me explore female love and intimacy. Code QD-T6.

BRISBANE.

BI WOMAN I'm attractive 33, '9 stone, 5'4". I'm seeking a bi woman, preferably single to join in fun times and excitement within my marriage. Age up to 45 years. Code QD-B20.

BRISBANE

BI FEMALE (43, size 10) looking for another bi female for friendship and fun, sexy times. I am married and my husband would like to watch but not necessarily to participate. Code QD-W10.

BRISBANE

BI COUPLE (M50, F43) looking for Bi male to become part of a mutually satisfying 3-some. Must have a hassle free approach and NS. ALA. Code QD-W9.

BRISBANE / IPSWICH.

BI COUPLE early 30's seek Bi woman 25 - 40 yrs, mainly for female, male willing to participate if required. We are: female - 5'2", 56kg, male - 5'8", 85kg. We love fun, strictly casual & no strings, prefer day time contact, other times can be negotiated. Please send phone number, details and interests. Code QD-F3.

BRISBANE.

BI LADY WANTED by Straight Guy 45 for long term relationship. Must be open minded & adventurous with view to meeting other couples and singles. I will be supportive to the right person and will welcome and answer all responses. Code QD-S13.

BRISBANE / REDCLIFFE.

BI GUY middle aged, but well preserved, divorced, non-smoker, social drinker, smooth, trannie, very passive, very loving, seeks Bi guy, non-smoker for friendship & relationship if suited. David. Photo & phone number would be nice. ALA. Code QD-M18.

BRISBANE / PINE RIVERS.

BI GUY 32, shy, artistic and romantic, spent a long time thinking I was exclusively gay. Seeking a bohemian woman of any age, (single or in a relationship), for friendship. Nothing sleazy. Please write. Anything is possible while Bowie lives. Code QD-L8.

BRISBANE

BI MALE tall, slim, good looking, 37 year old Bi male looking for a couple for fun & sexy times. Very outgoing. Prefer daytimes if possible. Code QD-R23.

BRISBANE.

BI MALE 44, fit, solid to medium build, some say ruggedly handsome, shiftworker, would like to meet pre-op transsexual, transsexual or crossdresser for friendship and good times, hopefully a relationship will develop with right person. I am single and live alone, photo and phone number would be appreciated. Warren. Code R22.

**IF YOUR AD HAS BEEN MISSED OUT OUR APOLOGIES
PLEASE LET US KNOW SO IT WILL BE IN SEPT/OCT ISSUE**

BRISBANE / SE QLD.

BI GUY 21 yr s old seeking Bi guy up to 25 yo for friendship or relationship. I have blonde hair, blue eyes, tanned skin & smooth medium build. Please send detailed letter with photo & phone number for quick reply. Code QD-D10.

BRISBANE.

BI GUY mid 40's secure seeks r'ship with slim attractive Bi lady to 40 yo. Want to enjoy all the good things of life even more with fun-loving adventurous companion. Photo & phone number would be greatly appreciated. ALA. Code QD-F2.

BRISBANE.

GUY 31 muscular fit seeks young couple, Bi, 25-35 for first Bi experience. Must be understanding, safe sex only. I am honest, genuine, caring , non-smoker, social drinker, 5' 8", 67 kg. ALA Code QD-R19.

BRISBANE BAYSIDE / CLEVELAND.

MARRIED BI MALE 50's would like to meet Bi man, Bi lady or Bi couple any gender mix, Wynnum to Cleveland or near by, a non-smoker and seeks same. Code QD-K7.

BRISBANE / GOLD COAST.

BI GUY 31 years of age, 'warped' sense of humour, 175cm (5'7"), medium build, non-smoker, occasional drinker, seeks male, female, transsexual or couple for friendship first, then maybe more. I am not looking for a spouse, just friend(s) to get together with when it suits us both / all. I am easy-going, eager to please and love oral (both giving and receiving). Photo appreciated. ALA.

Code QD-A3.

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BRISBANE / SUNSHINE COAST.

BI GUY single tall, slim, av looks, good sense of humour would like to meet other slim/medium build bi guys or girls under 35 for friendship, outings, hot sex if we like & possible ongoing relationship. Love giving oral, write soon. **QD-R13.**

CABOOLTURE

BI MALE mid 30's would like to meet Bi males or females for friendship or more who are under 34 years of age. I am 5'10" tall, 70kg in weight and have olive skin and shoulder length hair. I am a smoker and social drinker. Please reply with photo if possible. **ALA.** Pen pals welcome. **Code QD-L9.**

GOLD COAST / TWEED HEADS.

TRANSSEXUAL 36 years young, looking for bi women up to mid 30's for friendships (possible relationship). I am pre-operative, 165cm tall, long hair, nice boobs, very passable, reasonably attractive, a non-smoker and social drinker. I have a good sense of humour, easy-going, down to earth and I am very kind, caring and emotional. I am not into the gay / trannie scene and enjoy the simple things in life such as a coffee and a chat, the movies, going to the beach or on a picnic, visiting friends and above all nice company with people with similar interests to mine and definately non-smoker. If you are a nice friendly person why not write to me and tell me about yourself and send a photo if you wish. **Code QD-D13.**

GOLD COAST.

GUY 37 yo slim discrete gay guy with bi tendencies seeks slim women or couple to 45 to introduce me to straight safe sex. **Code QD-B19.**

STRADBROKE ISLAND.

GUY seeks guy/s under 56, slim/med build who are into oral and anal sex & want love, f/ship, kiss, cuddle or just someone to write to. I'm a horny active 56 yo, slim/med build, av looks, 184cm, 93kg, SOH, I'm lonely & need to be wanted. Genuine Ad, write soon, **ALA,** phone number please, a photo would be nice. **Code QD-B16.**

SUNSHINE BEACH.

COUPLE Bi woman 40 yrs, straight husband 41 yrs, seeks Bi woman for long term f/ship, r/ship. We're an easy-going, fun loving couple who enjoy the outdoor life and all kinds of social outings. **Code QD-H9.**

VICTORIA (VIC).

MELBOURNE / S.E. SUBURBS.

BI WOMAN I am married & overweight. I am honest, caring, loving person. I am 5.8 ft tall & need more from life. I'm bored. I am 26 y.o. I would like a female with a great sense of humour & can go with the flow. I am shy until ya get to know me. Prefer a Victorian based woman 34 or younger. **ALA** Thanks, No one-nighters. **Code VI-H1.**

MELBOURNE.

BI WOMAN My name is Nicole and I live in Melbourne, Victoria. I am 24 years old, have brown hair blue eyes and of light build. I am looking for bisexual women or lesbian females for the occasional sexual interludes for 1-on-1 only. Must have blonde/brown hair, blue, brown or hazel eyes. If interested and want to know more e-mail me, I'd love to hear from you. E-mail Nicole at agro@webconcept.com.au

MELBOURNE.

COUPLE We are a Bi-Lady - 36 year old, Ex model, 5'4" olive skin, black shoulder length hair, brown eyes, and 47 year old Man, young looking and attractive professional, 5'10", olive skin, Short brown hair, blue eyes. We are looking for a genuine bi-lady who wants commitment, honesty and sincerity from us and is willing to return it. We would prefer a non-smoker, with or without children. An attractive person with an open mind and sense of humour would be most desirable. Please e-mail us at MelbourneCouple@hotmail.com We would love to hear from you.



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NEVER SHARE NEEDLES OR SYRINGES.**

MELBOURNE.

BI GUY 42 year old married bi guy looking for a clean and friendly couple for light bi contact. I am slim, friendly and squeaky clean and I would like to meet a couple where the guy likes male touch while having sex with his partner. Would be able to massage you both and provide touch and encouragement to the male. No intercourse required. My reward would be a nice bisexual massage from you both. Age and nationality open. Only safe sex activities. I am non-pushy and will respect any limits set. E-mail me at McKenzieComputerMail@bigpond.com

MELBOURNE.

BI MALE 60, retired, clean, considerate, no hang-ups, non-smoker/drinker, good sense of humour, nudist, would like long term relationship with couple m/f or m/m of similar age. Interests range from classical music and art to books, talk and passionate sex. Northern suburbs but will travel to right people within Melbourne or even Peninsula. Have wife's approval but she does not wish to participate in sexual activities with others. **Code VI-S2.**

MILDURA.

GUY Peter, 42 and married, would like to get in contact with other gay/bi, married men in Mildura area. Want to chat initially, (then possibly meet). Please write to my (anonymous) address, tnias@usa.net Discretion is absolutely essential.

MORNINGTON PENINSULAR.

BI GUY 56 years old, living on Mornington Peninsular, non-smoker, clean, discreet, spends as much time as possible naked. I'm looking for either Bi or gay guys for long sessions of kissing, stroking and passionate sex. I am versatile sexually and also love to crossdress with other guys. **Code VI-C2.**

TASMANIA (TAS).

HOBART.

BI FEMALE I am a 27 year old bisexual female, married, hubby 49, three young children, have limited experience with females. I am seeking a friend and lover for me and husband. Genuine replies, photo & phone number if possible. All letters answered. **Code TA-F1.**

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (WA).

BUNBURY.

SEEKING BI FRIENDS I'm 29 and happily married to a very understanding guy, I have 2 great kids and am currently balancing motherhood with the renovation of an old house and Uni. I would love to meet and/or correspond with other Bi women of any age, all replies answered. Email me, leicecra@altu.net.au or write quoting: **Code WA-O2.**

COUNTRY WA.

BI TRANSSEXUAL seeking a Bi woman for friendship and relationship. I'm 36 yo, long dark hair, 164 cm in height, a bisexual transsexual (pre-op M to F). NOTE: I'm plain and girl next-door-ish. Not into gay scene etc. I live quietly and discretely the simple country life with my chickens and garden (but visit Perth regularly). I'm seeking someone flexible minded who'll accept both my current (and future) anatomy. My interests include environmental issues, reading and science fiction. I'm a non-smoker, non-drinker & not quite vegetarian. I am a - Bisexual transsexual, Seeking - Bisexual Woman. **Code WA-J1.**

PERTH.

BI WOMAN Hi, I'm a 21 yr old bi female looking for a bi female also whose within the age range 18-25. If you like pub-crawling or just sitting by the beach to watch the sunset, as well as going for concerts and movies and catching a few games of very badly-played pool, then email me please at Astarete76@rocketmail.com or write quoting **Code WA-Y1.** Lesbians (androgynous or femme ones ONLY please.) may respond as well.

PERTH

YOUNG BI COUPLE wanting to meet Bi girls and guys or a couple where one or both are Bi. We are looking for a friendship as well as an on-going relationship. Code **WA-Z1**.

PERTH

BI GUY own business, 46yrs, married, 5'7", slimish, fit & healthy, reasonable looks, S.O.H. Into boating (own boat), gym, fishing, BBQ, outdoors, footy & cricket, meeting people. Interested in meeting younger Bi guys, Bi girls, married or single, small build, straight acting, under 5'7" for friendship and possible relationship, possible X-dress ALA. Code **WA-B2**.



OVER SEAS

EUROPE

BURSA, TURKEY.

TWO GUYS Aged 24 & 17, students, like travelling, listening to music, drinking, sex, entertainment, dancing, etc. We want to correspond in Turkish or English with 16-35 year old gay or bisexual guys. If you want to correspond, write with photo to this address: Baris - Mustafa, MBE 201, Altiparmak Caddesi, No:17/B BURSA - TURKEY.

MUNICH, GERMANY.

GAY GUY 43y, German-Indian, int'l. bureaucrat living near Munich/Germany, iso of v. discreet, v. str-t-acting, active Professional Australian or NZ-lander (other GWMs welcome too), for friendship and mutual visits. Possibly more if we both want it. No age bar. Can host and expect the same. Have varied interests, am well read and erudite, w. charming smile and nice looks. Write responses w. photo to: Rebonto GUHA, Bahnhofplatz 5/49, 85737 ISMANING, Germany. Tels.: (+49.89) 96201227, home / 32006-475, office. E-mail: rguha@eso.org

NICOSIA, CYPRUS.

BI GUY 53y, Greek professional, unattached top, in search of mature (in mind) Aus Bi male to discuss bi matters, become friends and may be lovers, exchange visits (I can host, will U?). Look at my homestead (under construction) and e-mail me, Dinos, at adonis212cy@geocities.com No games please.

SWINDON, ENGLAND.

ATTRACTIVE BI GUY 32 yo, 6 feet tall with dark hair and living in England, would love to correspond with new Bi friends in Australia. My interests include travel (I've experienced of gay scene in Brisbane), Aussie soaps, radio and Media Studies, the Arts & Aussie beach & sports clothes. Please write soon and I will answer all letters received, to: Mr. Julian Watson, 62 Betjeman Avenue, Wootton Bassett, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN4 8JY, ENGLAND.

AMERICAS.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA

YOUNG GUY Cuban citizen, 20 years old wishes to have a friend no age limits. I'm 1.78 meters, dark brown eyes & brown skin. I like the beach, Nature, to read books & practice sports. I would like it if you had similar likes. Write to: Ismael Yanier Diaz Cabrera, Edif 43A, apart 2, Pueblo Griffo, Cienfuegos 5, cp 55500 CUBA.

HOLGUIN, CUBA.

BISEXUAL GUY Cuban, black, 34 years, 1.70 cm, 60 kg, university student, love music, sports, movies, languages. Looking for friends (bisexual) to start a friendship and Pedro Julio Ochoa Gonzalez, Calle 6 N - 92 entre 21y23, La Quinta, Holguin, cp 80900 CUBA.

ORLANDO, FLORIDA, USA.

BI CURIOUS GUY Hello: I'm a single male that lives in Orlando Florida. I'm 43 years old. I'm seeking bi-women for a long term relationship. I'm bi-curious, and very open-minded. And so I'm also seeking couples that may be visiting the Central Florida area for safe encounters. Please contact me at: marcos1@webtv.net

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Straight Southern California (San Diego) MALE 35, very attractive, intelligent, athletic, professional (writer), always a gentleman. Seeking beautiful, intelligent, confident, bi or bi-curious Australian woman (about 25-35) for committed, lifelong relationship here in America. Would you like to meet a loving, attentive, affectionate American man who will allow you to explore and satisfy your bisexual desires? Please e-mail me at pwillems@qualcomm.com

TULSA, OKLAHOMA, USA.

BI GUY 5 ft 8 in, dark hair, brown eyes, 150 pounds, Native American, Cherokee - Peoria tribes, into safe sex, play tennis, go to concerts, lift weights sometimes. Want to exchange photos and make friends that want to make it with me, prefer blondes, will answer all. Everett Cheshewalla, PO Box 642, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101 - 0642, USA.

ASIA.

MALANG, INDONESIA.

GUY Chinese, 25 yo, 167 cm tall, 50kg, likes touring, correspondence, plays, camping, singing & reading. I would like to get many gay/bi friends in Australia, please write. My name is Kristanko Linardi, Jl. Simpang Borobudur II / 10, Malang 65142, East Java, Indonesia.

HONG KONG.

BI MALE tall dark bi male would like to meet women, transsexuals or couples for mutual sensual pleasures the oriental way that brings one to ecstasy. Please write in first instance, thanks. Code **OS-K1**.

AFRICA.

SUNYANI, GHANA..

PARTNER WANTED - CUTE GHANAIA LAD, boyish looks, really nice guy, 21 years, attractive with a solid, smooth chocolate body coming soon, wishes to meet university lecturer or partner for platonic relationship. Genuine relationship, no time wasters. Prince Antwi, PO Box 596, Sunyani - B/A, GHANA - WEST AFRICA.

SUNYANI, GHANA..

GAY PALS WANTED good looking Ghanaian black guy, 22years old, fit, slim, with wicked body seeks that special man for true and stable relationship. Why don't we meet in '97, this year. All letters answered. Emmanuel K Annor, PO Box 250, Sunyani -B/A, GHANA WEST AFRICA.

SUNYANI, GHANA.

YOUNG LOOKING GHANAIA GUY, who wishes to have an honest friend for ever lasting one, if yes, write to me. Let's give love a chance. It has been my wish for a long time to have contact with Australians. Frank Barnie, PO Box 337, Sunyani - B/A, GHANA - WEST AFRICA.

GHANA, WEST AFRICA.

GAY/BI PALS / FRIENDSHIP WANTED Cute really nice good looking black handsome single professional, passionate and just out on the Scene and keep saying to myself, I will prefer total honesty and absolute emotional genuiness in all my relationships. I like true and stable one to one. Seeking ideal companion men, if ladies, they should be single. Interested should contact: Henry A. Kissi, Box ST 427, Accra STC, GHANA.WEST AFRICA.

GHANA, WEST AFRICA.

LOOKING FOR BI PALS two good looking young Ghanaian black guys, seeks Australian pals with view to exchange visits, friendships and more. All letters answered. Tony / Agyei, PO Box 1862, Sunyani - B/A, High Street, Downtown, GHANA.WEST AFRICA.

PACIFIC OCEAN.

NEW ZEALAND

BI MALE Very Hot an Submissive Bi Guy living on the Beach in New Zealand would like to meet people who can turn me on. I am 6 ft, 85 kg, good looking, Sexy. I can accommodate if you are visting NZ. I have hot photos. Email me (John) for more at augaman@clear.net.nz

We have more personal ads from Cuban men and women in our section on Penpals and Supporting an Overseas Person.

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National Bi Listings

Australian Bisexual Network & its Bisexual Community Information Service

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Australian Bisexual Youth Alliance (ABYA)

ABYA is the national youth arm of ABN with Bi youth groups in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne which organise regular meetings and social events for young bisexual men and women aged 27 and under and some events for those under 30. The ABYA national youth officers are Maree Porter of Newcastle and Myke Dobber of Hobart. Sabina Nowak of Adelaide was the ABYA youth representative to the International Lesbian and Gay Youth Organisation's Conference on Homophobia and Fascism in Pisa, Italy, July 27 to August 3rd 1997. All national and local officers can be contacted by e-mail and/or telephone. For more details call or e-mail ABN.

Queensland

Australian Bisexual Network (Brisbane)

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 7.30pm, at; Two Faces of Eve Café, Cnr. Dudley Street East & Ipswich Road (in Dudley), Annerley Junction, Brisbane (ask at counter for ABN).

Bar Bi at The Rat Hotel, Cnr. Constance & Ann Streets, Fortitude Valley is held on the 2nd Saturday And the 4th Wednesday each month from 8pm to Midnight.

Lunch Time Drop-In is on each Thursday 12Noon to 2pm at the Rainbow Community Centre, 719A Stanley Street, Woolloongabba.

Brisbane Bisexual Women's Group (BiFem)

Meets twice monthly and organises speakers and Social events for bi women and women Questioning their sexuality.

Brisbane Bi Youth (BBY)

Meets on the 1st Saturday each month at Southbank Or City. Call Shawn (07) 3871 0160 or e-mail Chris At chrisrow@rainbow.net.au for location.

Townsville Bi Group

A mixed group for Bi men and women, can be Contacted be calling Julie on 014-971 582.

Tropical Blaze - Cairns

A mixed gender/sexuality group for the people in The Cairns district of far north Queensland. Can be Contacted by calling Illese on (07) 4031 3410 or Shane on (07) 4051 7490.

New South Wales

Guys Like Us A social support group for gay, bisexual and curious guys under 30 meets monthly at both Maclean and Grafton in northern NSW. Call Sean or Jon on (02) 6645 3863.

New South Wales

Sydney Bisexual Network (SBN)

PO Box 281, Broadway, NSW 2007. Meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month from 8pm, Upstairs, Macro Wholefoods, 170 King Street, Newton. For information on Sydney Events & meetings call (02) 9565-4281 or check their web site at <http://bi.org/~sbn> or e-mail: sbn@bi.org

Bisexuals Of The Hunter (BOTH)

If you are in the Newcastle or Hunter Region of NSW, you can get more info on B.O.T.H. by writing to Maree Porter, Queer Convenor (NUSA), PO Box 57, Shortland Building, Callaghan NSW 2308 or call Maree on 0411-635 325 after 6pm only.

Sydney Bi Youth (SBY)

PO Box 73 Darlinghurst, NSW 2010. Meetings are at 7.30pm on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at the Pride Centre, 26 Hutchinson Street, Surry Hills, 2010. SBY can be contacted by e-mailing sby@queer.org.au Or by ringing Glenn on 0414-664 888 or Sam on 015-677 016. Their web site can be found at: <http://www.queer.org.au/~sby/>

Bi & Partners Social Club (Gosford)

Due to some unforeseen problems the only contact we can offer is a mobile phone number:- 0413-975 731. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Women Partners of Bisexual Men Support Project

PO Box 350 Darlinghurst, NSW 2010 Or phone (02) 9206 2026 (business hours).

Sydney Bi Fem Social Group - A social group for bi and curious women especially those married with children. Meets regularly. Contact Karen by e-mail to: peace@one.net.au or check out their home page at: <http://www2.one.net.au/~peace>

Victoria

Melbourne Bisexual Network (MBN)

This new group has formed recently to fill the void following the disbanding of Bisexual Awareness Melbourne (BAM). They have taken over the old BAM postal box. For info call Andrew on (03) 9576 8471 or e-mail to andrew.van.der.stock@member.sage-au.org.au

Melbourne Bi Youth (MBY)

Call Catherine on (03) 9521 4128 or e-mail her at catherinel@union.unimelb.edu.au for details on MBY events and location.

Bi & Partners Social Club (Geelong)

For info on this new group for bisexual people and their partners, call Marci on (03) 5253 3103 or E-mail Darryl at d_medley@hotmail.com Our homepage site is: <http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Village/5188/> Postal address: PO Box 388, Drysdale, Vic 3222.

Eastern Bisexual Support Group

For women over 25 years. Feeling isolated? Join this fun group for social outings, discussions, workshops, speakers. For details call Tania on (03) 9723 4274 and leave name and phone number. (ABN has had no contact with EBSG)

Franklin Centre

Initiative of the Australian Bisexual Men's Association. The GAMMA Project provides counseling and groups for bisexual and married gay men and their partners, training workshops for health and community professionals & volunteers, a resource library. Contact: The Franklin Centre, PO Box 223, Monte Albert, VIC 3127 or phone (03) 9890 1068 or GAMMALINE (03) 9899 0509. Email: gpnewst@vicnet.net.au <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~abma>

Tasmania

Hobart Bisexual Support Network

C/o TGLRG, GPO Box 1733, Hobart, TAS 7001. E-mail Myke Dobber at M_dobber@postoffice.utas.edu.au and for info on social events call Sally or Alan on (03) 6278 8721.

Australian Capital Territory

Canberra Region Bisexual Network (CRBN)

PO Box 458, Civic Square, ACT 2608

POEM:

FRIENDSHIP

The glory of friendship is not the outstretched hand,
nor the kindly smile nor the joy of companionship; it
is the spiritual inspiration that comes to one when he
discovers that someone else believes in him and is
willing to trust him.

...Ralph Waldo Emerson

South Australia

Adelaide Bisexual Support Group (ABSG)

Organizes social events and meetings for bi and bi-friendly people. If you are interested please contact: Jason Squire, E-mail: merlin@box.net.au or phone: (08) 8340 3538

Bi The Way is an online newsletter, with news and events for Adelaide's Bi community as well as some links to follow. E-mail Jason at merlin@box.net.au <http://www.box.net.au/~merlin/newsletter.html>

Western Australia

Western Australian Bisexual Network (WABN)

PO Box 1167, Canning Vale, WA 6155 E-mail: numbers@wantree.com.au

Perth Bisexual Women's Group (BiWim)

Bisexual women's social support group write to PO Box 8369, Stirling Business Centre, Western Australia 6849 or phone Paula on: 041-2281-591

Northern Territory

KATHCON

KATHCON is a new group forming for bisexual people in the Katherine region of the NT. Write to Peter, c/- KATHCON, PO Box 417 Katherine, NT 0851

Other Bi Resources

OzBi - E-mail list for Australian Bisexuals & friends. To subscribe, send the command: **subscribe ozbi** to majordomo@queer.org.au (leave subject line blank). To send E-mail message to list: ozbi@queer.org.au

OzSpouse-Support - E-mail list for straight Spouses and their bisexual, lesbian, gay or transgender spouses. To Subscribe, send the command: **subscribe OzSpouse-Support** to majordomo@queer.org.au This is a closed list where only members can post and see messages.

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<http://www-personal.umich.edu/~dastony/bmma.html>

ABN's website has been included on NerveLink.

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Spouse Support Lists Update

The new info should read:

The Spouse Support Mailing List (SSML)

ssml mailing list The Spouse Support Mailing List (SSML) is an Internet mailing list for straight spouses and their bisexual, gay, or lesbian partners who are trying to keep their marriages intact and for keeping the relationship positive for those couples who are separating and divorcing. The list also includes couples where one is bisexual and the other gay or lesbian and where both are bisexual and working through issues in their relationship. Membership is confidential.

TO SUBSCRIBE: Send an E-mail message to: Majordomo@mailinglist.net or visit our webpage at [HTTP://www.mailinglist.net/ssml](http://www.mailinglist.net/ssml) The first (not subject) line of the message should be: sub ssml or sub ssml-digest E-mail questions concerning SSML to: mgrssml@mailinglist.net

The new info for STR8S should read:

The STR8S Mailing List (STR8S)

str8s mailing list Welcome to the STR8S Mailing List (STR8S) an Internet mailing list for straight spouses of bisexual, gay, or lesbian partners who are trying to keep their marriages intact and for keeping the relationship positive for those couples who are separating and divorcing. The Str8s List is not moderated; it is a closed list so that only straight spouses will be members. The subscription list is private.

TO SUBSCRIBE: Send an mail message to: Majordomo@mailinglist.net or visit our webpage at: [HTTP://www.mailinglist.net/str8s](http://www.mailinglist.net/str8s) The first (not subject) line of the message should be: sub str8 or sub str8s-digest E-mail questions concerning STR8S to: mgrstr8s@mailinglist.net

The new list is SOTTS and should be listed like this:

The SOTTS Mailing List (SOTTS)

sotts mailing list SOTTS is a private, closed mailing list for the lesbian member of a heterosexual marriage. Our aim is to provide a positive, platonic environment for the discussion of related issues, with an eye on respect for our straight spouses. Cruising here is sternly frowned upon.

TO SUBSCRIBE: Send a mail message to:

Majordomo@mailinglist.net or visit our webpage at: [HTTP://www.mailinglist.net/sotts](http://www.mailinglist.net/sotts) The first (not subject) line of the message should be: sub sotts or sub sotts-digest E-mail questions concerning SOTTS to: mgrsotts@mailinglist.net

Jewish Bi E-Mail List

Biachad - an E-mail list for Jewish Bisexuals and their admirers. Since the inception of the bisexual movement, very little attention has been paid to the development of a 'Jewish bisexual' identity. With this list, we are bringing Judaism and bisexuality together to see if the two can co-exist. Simply send mail to: majordomo@byz.org In the body of the message just write the following: subscribe biachad (your e-mail address) Once we get your request, we'll send you more info.

Shalom,

Adam & Paulette

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Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Correspondence Club

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Bisexual Women's Contact Newsletter

PO Box 221, Budgewoi, NSW 2262

Joke:

"Rubber"

A man, his wife, and their eight children were waiting at a bus stop. Not long after, a blind man joins the group. The bus arrives. The blind man and the husband are forced to walk because there's just no more room on the bus. As they walk together, the tapping of the blind man's cane starts to irritate the other man. Finally, the man says, "You know, that's pretty irritating. Why don't you put a rubber on the end of that stick?" The blind man retorts: "If you'd put a rubber on the end of your stick, we'd both be on that bus."

MELBOURNE SOCIAL EVENTS

Melbourne Bi Youth Meet fortnightly from Saturday, the 25th of April (Anzac Day), 4 - 6 PM, at Melbourne University Union House, 2nd Floor, Joe Napolitano Room. Call Catherine for details on (03)95214128(w).

June - 29th - July - 3rd Queer Collaborations, at the University of Tasmania in Hobart.

SYDNEY SOCIAL EVENTS

Sydney Bi Youth Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays at the PRIDE Centre, 26 Hutchinson Street, Surry Hills. Contact Sam (female contact) on 015-677 016 or Glenn (male contact) on 0414-664 888 or E-mail Glenn at: sby@queer.org.au Followed by drinks at the Beresford (under 18's venue is held prior to meetings).

SBN has an organised meeting in a space of it's own on the second Monday of every month. 170 King St, Newtown In the space above MACRO Wholefoods. After the meeting there is generally a small group of people that move on to a cafe for a late supper and more chit chat. For more info call (02) 9565 4281 or e-mail us at: sbn@bi.org.

Friendly queer venues are "Kooky" at 77 William St in East Sydney on Thursday nights (\$5), "Spicey Friday" at the Lansdowne on City Rd near Broadway on Friday nights (\$5 after 9pm), "Gilligans" cocktail bar at the Oxford Hotel at Taylor Square (free) most nights, and "Class Act" at Sublime on Sunday nights (free).

If you are interested in going to one of these clubs (and are 18+), call Sam on 015 677 016 or Glenn on 0414 664 888, so that we can arrange to meet beforehand.

BI FEMS:

We are looking into setting up a cafe meeting for all bifems here in Sydney, It will be on Friday 3rd July 1998 at 8pm, at the "Comfortably Numb Cafe, Neutral Bay NSW". If you're interested please let us know as soon as you can so bookings can be made. contact Karen on: peace@one.net.au

Also, we are trying to set up a night out (in Sydney) and not sure of a suitable venue, which would cater for the over 25's crowd. The date will be 17th July at 9:30pm. If you would like to meet earlier somewhere for drinks, let us know and I can organise something. If anyone has any suggestions of any venues they have visited and think would be good to go to, please let me know as soon as you can. 041 4631030.

ADELAIDE SOCIAL EVENTS

As at the time of Publication of the National Biways no events were available for Adelaide. However if you would like to have an event or request any events please contact Jason Squire, E-mail: merlin@box.net.au or phone (08) 8340 3538. ABN has been assured that Jason is only too happy to oblige where possible.

Bisexual Men's Social Nights Edinburgh Castle Pub call (08) 8362 7931 Wednesdays & Saturday mornings 10am to 12 noon.

ON THE NET *New Bisexual Web Ring*

OZBI WEBRING

The Ozbi webring is for bisexuals who are Australian / ex-patriot Australians / or live in Australia, and have a webpage. Show your on-line bi-pride by adding your site. Stand up and be counted, and help show how diverse we are. For details on how to join, browse:

<http://www.tgworld.org/oceana/polychrome/ozbi.htm>

Cheers,

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<http://www.tgworld.org/oceana/polychrome/index.html>

<http://www.tgworld.org/occana/polychrome/ozbi.htm>

Religion:

<http://www.geocities.com/athens/oracle/8944/>

Creative:

<http://members.theglobe.com/lauraanne/>

NetZines:

<http://members.tripod.com/~Octobriana/index.htm>

HOME Pages:

<http://www.nettaxi.com/citizens/Seabrook/>

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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Saturday 27th JUNE. PRIDE Party at the Wickham Hotel on Wickham St Fortitude Valley. Call ABN if you would like to go with the group.			Rainbow centre 12pm - 2pm		BI Youth 2pm The Coffee Club cnr Adelaide & Albert St, Brisbane. = with prior notice Cosmic 10pin bowling \$10 ? Mt Gravatt 7-12pm bookings**	Foil Picture Party Gill & Micks house 1-5pm Thomlands 0415 49 78 59 please come & support those, who support ABN.
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	Bifem coffee/chat 0415 49 78 59 The Coffee Club Stones Corner Café Logan Rd. 10am		Rainbow centre 12pm - 2pm		BARBI*, 8-12pm Rat Hotel, Fortitude Valley. cnr Ann & Constance Sts. enter via side door	
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27	28	29	30	31		
Bifem coffee & chat at Gabby's in Deagon. 10am 015 646 015	\$6 general movie Toombul. 6 -6.30pm coffee & chat after		Rainbow centre 12pm - 2pm	Bifem 7pm Albion Turkish coffee house 293 Sandgate Rd **Bellydancer** please try & let us know if you can make it as bookings are preferable.		

BRISBANE EVENTS

AUGUST

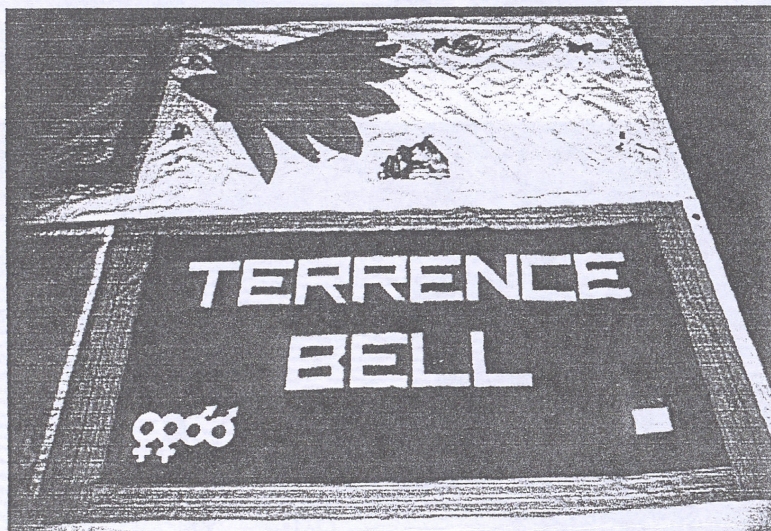
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	<p><u>\$6 movie Stafford</u> 6 -630pm meet in foyer, then decide on a movie. Stafford city shopping centre</p> <p></p>	<p><u>general coffee & chat</u> 7pm at the Jazzy Cat café Lawson St , West End.</p>	<p><u>Rainbow centre</u> 12pm - 2pm</p>		<p><u>cosmic 10pin bowling</u> <u>Kedron 7-12pm</u> \$10 approx please come along & join the fun.</p> <p></p>	
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We Shall Not Forget. On the 30th May, 1998 ABN representatives, friends, relatives and others marched proudly through Brisbane's streets holding up traffic and showing our support for those who have HIV/AIDS and those whom have passed away from this terrible disease.

I was one of those who marched from King George Square to the Convention Centre at Southbank where the unfolding of The Quilt Ceremony took place.

This was the first time that I had seen The Quilt, and in the Convention Centre, such a large open space, I stood there in awe not realising that so many had lost their lives to such a horrid disease that still so many people take for granted that it cannot get them.

I cried as the names were read out..... So many, Husbands, Wives, Fathers, Mothers, Sons, Daughters all too



many to name. I cry in their memory even as I write this now.

HIV/AIDS is a "deadly serious" problem, not only for us, as Bisexuals, but for everyone. As stated on that Saturday night "AIDS does not discriminate"

Whether you have lost a friend or relative to this terrible disease or not, I would like you to take time to think about the people that

these photos represent, their families & friends. Think about your loved ones and your life....

PLEASE take care,

by
Bob Greig.





In Our Memories

ABN Membership Form

To Join ABN, please complete the details and post it along with the appropriate membership fee to: ABN, PO Box 490, Lutwyche, Queensland, Australia 4030. Please tick one of the boxes below:

- ☐ I/We wish to become a financial member/s of the Australian Bisexual Network. In applying for full membership, I/we accept the aims and objectives of the Australian Bisexual Network. I/We understand that this membership entitles me/us to full voting rights and a subscription to National Biways Magazine for 12 months from the date of this application.
- ☐ On behalf of my organisation, service, group or club, we wish to become a associate member of the Australian Bisexual Network. As an official representative of my organisation, I accept on behalf of that organisation, the aims and objectives of the the Australian Bisexual Network. I understand that this associate membership entitles my organisation to a subscription to National Biways Magazine for 12 months and any other entitlements so bestowed by ABN, from the date of this application.
- ☐ I reside in a developing or 3rd world country and wish to register for FREE magazine, information & support.

Please tick the relevant box/boxes:

- ☐ \$10 youth under 21 or disadvantaged concessional rate.
- ☐ \$15 student, pension or other concessional rate.
- ☐ \$20 full time working individual or couple rate.
- ☐ \$25 Australian organisation, service, group or club rate.
- ☐ \$30 overseas rate (we are now able to accept foreign cheques).
- ☐ FREE rate for Bi individuals resident in 3rd world developing countries.

- ☐ Donation of \$_____ to ABN's 1998 Oz Bi Conference Fund.
- ☐ Donation of \$_____ to ABN's International Conferences Fund.
- ☐ Donation of \$_____ to the 1998 International Bi Conf. Travel Assistance Fund.
- ☐ Donation of \$_____ to ABN's ILGA Membership Fund.
- ☐ Donation of \$_____ to support ABN's community work and library acquisitions.

☐ Please send me a complimentary photocopy issue of National Biways Magazine. I have enclosed an A4 sized stamped (\$1.20) addressed envelope and \$2 in stamps (to assist ABN's national and international newsletter exchanges, if in Australia).

Name/s: _____

Organisation (if applicable): _____

Postal Address: _____

Suburb/Town/City: _____

State/Province: _____ Country: _____

Post/Zip Code: _____ Fax No.: _____

Telephone Nos.: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

URL/WWW Address: _____

Please tick here if you are aged under 27 years ☐ so you can be registered with our Youth network.

Signature/s: _____

Date: _____

Please list any languages, skills, qualifications, memberships, etc. that may be helpful to the Australian Bisexual Network:



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FOR BISEXUAL MEN & WOMEN & THEIR FRIENDS.

Free Entry

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cnr. Constance & Ann Streets Fortitude Valley
(enter via Constance Street Cafe)

8pm to midnight

**Venue organised by the Australian Bisexual Network
on 2nd Saturday & 4th Wednesday each month.**

Come on in, meet people, have fun and support your community.
Gaming machines, music.

For more information contact ABN on (07) 38572500.
<http://www.rainbow.net.au/~ausbinet/events.htm>

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